

II. CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please amend the claims as indicated in the following listing:

1-16. (Cancelled).

17. (New) An enhanced publish/subscribe messaging system servicing method comprising:
- a plurality of subscribers using a subscription program to subscribe to a subscription related to a topic;
 - a publication program publishing a message related to the topic;
 - a message delivery program sending a copy of the message to the subscription;
 - a subscription dispatcher program making a selection of only one of the plurality of subscribers to receive the copy of the message;
 - wherein the message delivery program delivers the copy of the message to said one of the plurality of subscribers and not to any other subscriber of the plurality of subscribers;
 - wherein said selection of only one of the plurality of subscribers is an arbitrary selection;
 - and
 - wherein the subscription dispatcher program is separate from the message delivery program and is invoked by the message delivery program.